

EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Cllr. Graham Watts

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD on 18th OCTOBER 2021, at 7.30pm at
HOPE BOWDLER VILLAGE HALL

104/21 - Present

Cllr. G Watts - Chairman
Cllr. P Jenkins
Cllr. T Madeley
Cllr. L Gray
Cllr. C Pugh
Cllr. S Jones
Cllr. B Orme

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett, Unitary Cllr. C Motley and six member of the public.

105/21 - Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting.

Members are requested to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

No declarations of interest were made.

106/21 – Public question time

Mr W Allen raised the state of the lane between Soudley and Birtley which is in a dangerous state of disrepair, posing a risk of damage to vehicles, plus drains are blocked and the road floods. He wrote to Highways Dept. in July 2020 but no significant action has been taken. He asked the parish council to take the matter up with Highways. It was agreed the Clerk will take the issue up with the Highways Department.

107/21– Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2021

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th September 2021 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes of the meeting.

Cllr. Jenkins **proposed** that the Minutes be approved by the members.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

Vote: The members present voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting on 20th September 2021 and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

108/21 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 20th September 2021

092/21 Members had debated whether the parish council should consider providing SmartWater kits or a second Speed Indicator Device via the Precept next year. The Clerk had established:

SmartWater kits. To provide a kit to each household in the parish would cost the parish council £1,413.15 plus VAT, which could be reclaimed. This figure included a grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner worth £400. The Chairman felt that if residents wanted a kit, they could purchase their own and **Proposed** that the parish council should not provide SmartWater kits for residents.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Madeley

Vote: Members voted unanimously to support the proposal.

Speed Indicator Device The Clerk is continuing to make enquiries as to the availability of a grant for a second SID.

099/21/3. At the September meeting the Clerk had been instructed to strongly request that the Enforcement Officers at Shropshire Council expeditiously take action on the parish council's enforcement request relating to application 19/02197/FUL. After carefully researching the planning history of this site she drafted a letter and sent it to councillors for comment. The first draft was amended in line with the suggestions from three councillors and a second draft was circulated. The Chairman sent out an email criticising this draft but did not offer an alternative draft. The Chairman asked Cllr. Motley to deal with the enforcement issue. Having briefly reviewed the history of this site, Cllr. Motley suggested that before she takes any action, a councillor should visit the site, see what has actually been built there and photograph it. Cllr. Pugh objected to this suggestion, stating it is for the Enforcement Team at Shropshire Council to carry out a survey and take enforcement action. Cllr. Orme has been approached by concerned local residents, who advise that two buildings on the Oaklands site appear to have been adapted for light industrial commercial use: a motor mower repair business is apparently operating in one building. This would involve a change of use application.

The matter of enforcement action was left unresolved.

102/21/3. The proposal to move the parish council's bank account to NatWest was reconsidered and it was agreed to stay with HSBC for the time being, given the safeguarding review had been completed satisfactorily. It was noted there will be a bank charge of £5 per month plus 40p for each banking transaction.

109/21 – Reports

Cllr. Motley reported on a meeting with the new Director of Planning, Tracy Darke, who is busy organising planning services: she is three planning officers short for South Shropshire. Ms Darke is concerned about the poor rates of enforcements and is concentrating on improving this area of planning. The planning department have had large applications to deal with – such as the redevelopment of the Ironbridge power station - which has absorbed a lot of officers' time.

The new Local Plan has now gone to the Planning Inspector for review. If the Local Plan is not passed there may be issues with a five-year land supply. It appears most of the new housing being built in Shropshire are sold to incomers from the south east of England, so the prospects for affordable housing in Shropshire are bleak.

Cllr. Motley has not yet called a meeting of Clerks and Chairs of the Corvedale parishes to discuss boundary changes as the parameters of the proposed boundary changes are still unresolved. The Boundary Commission's aim is to have divisions with similar sized

populations: this is difficult as many large areas in Shropshire have small rural populations and so may have to be absorbed into divisions with larger populations.

Cllr. Motley advised she is standing for election as Vice-Chairman of the Shropshire AONB.

110/21 – planning applications

110/21/1 - 21/04516/FUL – application for the erection of a new stable block to house camelids (alpacas) at Mount Flirt Farm, Common Lane, Soudley, SY6 7HQ

The Clerk had run off the plans when first notified of this application. However, it could not be reviewed prior to this meeting due to a mal-function on the planning portal: thus further information, such as whether any local objections had been lodged, could not be ascertained.

Councillors were concerned by the plans and photographs submitted, showed a large industrial type of building rather than a stable block suitable for housing animals, There was no information given as to the number of animals to be accommodated or the size of Mount Flirt's land holding, so no view could be taken on stocking density. Councillors were concerned that such a large industrial style building in this very rural part of the AONB was inappropriate and overdevelopment of the site: there were also concerns expressed about access to the site.

Cllr. Jones **Proposed** that the parish council should object to this application on the grounds of over-development of the site, access concerns, the inappropriate size and style of the building in the AONB.

Proposal **seconded** by the Chairman

Vote: 6 in favour of the proposal, one abstention: proposal carried.

110/21/2: The parish council had received a letter reporting on building works being carried out at Fern Vale, Bull Lane, Hope Bowdler: no planning application had been submitted to the council so two councillors investigated the alleged works.

The owners of the property, Mr & Mrs Chandler and family members attended this meeting of their own volition. They were asked what works were being carried out and responded they were renovating the property. It was suggested to them that they may need planning and building regulations permissions. Mr Chandler indicated, due to personal circumstances, they had been delayed in dealing with planning aspects, but that they are now submitting an application. The Chairman advised the parish council will consider the application as and when it arrived. Mr Chandler asked that they be notified when their application will be dealt with by the parish council and this request was noted.

111/21 – Consideration of Correspondence and Communications received in October 2021

1. Notifications from Planning Department concerning:
Application **21/02727/FUL** – for erection of a two-storey garage with hobby room/office above, at the Wainhouse, Chelmick. Planning permission granted 27.09.21
Application **21/03540/FUL** – for erection of a general purpose arable farm building at Rye Moors Farm, Ticklerton. Planning permission granted 07.10.21
2. Letter 27.9.21 from Jason Simpson, Arboricultural Officer at SC in response to a query the parish council raised many months ago about trees on roadside by Waen

Farm. He states he can confirm that is no immediate tree safety issues and asks us to contact him again if the situation changes.

3. Letter from National Highways advising A49 Shropshire bends and junctions improvement works are to be carried out between 11th October 2021 until the end of January 2022, seven days a week between 8pm to 6am.
4. Notification from WebOrchard – our Website hosting firm – advising that currently SC’s planning applications and information cannot be imported onto our website as SC’s new supplier’s software is incompatible with that of WebOrchard. They are working with SC and its suppliers to see how this can be fixed.
5. Notification that SC is re-opening its Community Tree Scheme for planting during Autumn/winter 2021/2022. Email tree.scheme@shropshire.gov.uk for details.
6. Notification from P.C. 2693 Steve Grant confirming this parish council’s Parish Contact Charter has been renewed until end of December 2021.
7. Notification that Marshbrook railway crossing will be closed from 4am on 23.10.21 to 4.30am on 25.10.21
8. Notification Clerk to Highways concerning damaged bridge below Soudley Cottage as raised at last parish council meeting. Response from Highways dated 6.10.21 saying it has been logged with the relevant department for action.
9. Response from Highways to Clerk’s three requests that the pot hole near Saplings Farm (on the Ticklerton to Wall road) be repaired. They indicate the work requested has been completed.

112/21 – Highways and Environmental matters

112/21/1 : In April 2021 the Clerk had reported to Highways about potentially dangerous overhanging trees near Waen Farm on the Hope Bowdler to Soudley road. A response was received in October to the effect a team had viewed the trees and did not consider them to pose any threats at present.

112/21/2: Cllr. Pugh reported that the brook in Darby Lane continues to flood the road when there is heavy rain. He also asked if Rushbury Parish Council could be asked to advise Highways about the state of Darby Lane where it passes through a cutting. The road has given way at the edges on both sides leaving a large hump in the middle of the road.

The request from Mr Allen at Pheasant Cottage, Birtley was noted and the Clerk will contact Highways.

113/21– Financial Matters

113/21/1 – Finance Report for October 2021

1. Precept Funds – balance b/fwd from September 2021 £4,577.80

Less: Payments to be made on 18.10 2021 from Precept Fund

• Clerk's net salary for October 2021	£159.86		
• HMRC. PAYE on Clerk's October` Salary	£ 40.00		
• <u>Admin expenses incurred in October, paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.</u>			
• Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for October 2021 @ £20 per month	£20.00		
• 1 pkt A4 copy paper	£ 2.99		
• Travelling expenses @ 45p per mile 18.10.21 – to Hope Bowdler Village Hall for Parish Council Meeting – 34 miles:			
Total mileage @ 45p – 34 miles	£15.30		
	£38.29	£ 38.29	
		<u>£238.15</u>	<u>£ 238.15</u>

Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to November 2021 **£4,339.65**

Cllr. Orme **proposed** that the cheques listed above be authorised for payment

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

Vote: Unanimous vote in favour of the proposal

Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council

Balance of Environmental Grant b/fwd from Sept. 2021 **£130.93**

Transparency Code Grant- balance b/fwd from Sept 2021 **£ 43.17**

Total funds held by Parish Council following authorisation & presentation of the above cheques.

Precept Fund	£4,339.65
Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund	£ 130.93
Transparency Code Grant	£ 43.17
Neighbourhood Fund grant	£ nil
Total:	<u>£4,513.75</u>

2. Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.

HSBC Bank Statement number 120 was presented to members to verify the Clerk's reconciliation with the parish council's cash book and was duly verified by Cllr. Jones.

114/21 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions were raised.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting
Monday 15th November, 7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall.

Graham Watts

SIGNED

DATED: 15th November 2021